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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 58th and 60th meetings, on 23 May and 17 June 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.58 and 60).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance report of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (A/56/915) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/949).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79

4. At the 60th meeting, on 17 June, the representative of Australia and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II" (A/C.5/56/L.79).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia, and 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size of the Operation and authorized the mandate for the expanded Operation (United Nations Operation in Somalia II), and the subsequent resolutions of the Council that extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 954 (1994) of 4 November 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 31 March 1995,

Recalling also its resolution 47/41 A of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 53/477 of 8 June 1999,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Operation, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 60.8 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred forty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/56/915.
[2] A/56/949.

Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to retain an amount of 19,616,000 dollars from the balance of appropriations of 40,940,700 dollars to meet the cost of outstanding Government claims;

9. *Decides* to suspend for the immediate future the provisions of regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations in respect of the remaining surplus of 21,324,700 dollars in order to allow for the reimbursement of troop contributors and in the light of the cash shortage of the Operation, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in one year;

10. *Also decides* to defer consideration of the treatment of the increase in staff assessment income of 950,300 dollars in respect of the surplus referred to in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expeditiously settle the claims pending to troop-contributing countries, particularly claims towards write-offs;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".